

Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago

Chicago Midway and O'Hare International Airports

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Week of January 1 — January 7, 2023

WELCOME TO THE INTERFAITH AIRPORT CHAPELS OF CHICAGO! The O'Hare Airport Chapel and Midway Airport Chapel are each a peaceful oasis in a busy venue. A place to bow your head in prayer while lifting up your heart and spirit! Prayer books and rugs, rosaries, and worship materials are available, as are chaplains for spiritual counsel. You are welcome to attend Mass or Worship services and to come to the chapels (open 24/7) to pray or meditate. Know that you & your families are always in my prayers. May God bless your travels. — **Fr. Michael Zaniolo**

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Remembering Tom Johnston (1954-2022)

We were greatly saddened by the passing of MDW Chaplain and Pastor **Thomas M. Johnston, Jr.**, 68, on December 12 following a brief illness. Tom was well known as the Chaplain of Midway Airport, preaching multiple services a day and talking and praying with hundreds of people who crossed his path while he served there. **Rev. Dr. Hutz Hertzberg**, Senior Chaplain for Skyword Ministries (Protestant Chaplaincy) at the Airport Chapels, said "Tom laid down to rest in the afternoon and woke up in the presence of Jesus - who he loved and faithfully served....Tom loved the Lord and the ministry at Midway where he impacted so many. He will be greatly missed by all of us."

Tom started with the airport ministry in 2002. He was the 2007 recipient of the **Paul F. DeVries Award**, recognizing distinguished faithful service and Christ-like ministry at Chicago O'Hare and Midway Airports. For the past many years, Tom has been dedicated to airport ministry at Midway. He was recently conducting three services a day during the week. With the help of the other Protestant Chaplains, this ministry has been steadily growing. Tom's passing will be a great loss to our airport chaplaincy family and the Protestant ministry. Family and friends may sign a guestbook at <https://www.hultgrenfh.com/obituary/chaplain-thomas-johnston>. May he rest in peace.



Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Today's readings include another account of the story of Jesus' birth. The reading from the book of Numbers reminds us that we are blessed. We are looked upon with kindness and grace. The psalm and Galatians remind us of the blessings given through God's Son. Luke tells of our ultimate blessing, that Mary, a human being like us, gave birth to a child who is God's Son. Mary, a young mother, watches all that is happening around the birth of her son. She listens as the shepherds bring messages from angels, a message she also received from an angel, about her son. Yet Mary remains silent. She keeps all this news about her son to herself. She reflects on all these experiences. The only thing she shares is the name of her son, Jesus, a name given him before he was even conceived. Her silence leaves us wondering if this is how one responds to such a great blessing.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

Psalm — May God be merciful and bless us (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Interfaith Calendar & Events

→ **January 1, 2023:** **Mary, Mother of God** - Catholic Christian; **Feast Day of St Basil** - Orthodox Christian; **Shogatsu/Gantan-sai** (New Years) - Shinto; **Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus** - Orthodox
→ **January 5, 2023:** **Twelfth Night** - Christian; **Guru Gobindh Singh birthday** - Sikh → **January 6, 2023:** **Epiphany** - Christian; **Feast of the Epiphany** (Theophany) - Orthodox Christian; **Dia de los Reyes** (Three Kings Day) - Christian → **January 7, 2023:** **Feast of the Nativity** - Orthodox Christian

ORD Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

12/31/22 4:00 p.m. • **Vanessa Munoz Gonzalez** req. by Angie Haro
6:00 p.m. • **Allison Marsh**
† **Vito Racanelli** req. by John Racanelli
† **Brian J. Allen** req. by Katherine L. Allen

01/01/23 9:00 a.m. † **Jack Brennan** req. by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Brennan
11:00 a.m. † **Marian Wallenberger** req. by John & Susie Schneider
† **Brian J. Allen** req. by Katherine L. Allen
• **Safe Travels**—Pat, Lil, Dave, Mare req. by Lillian & Pat McNeill

01/02/23 11:30 a.m. † **Marlamma Vaskey** req. by Alwyn Joshy
01/03/23 11:30 a.m. † **Francis Heger** req. by Marcine & John Forrette, Jr.
01/04/23 11:30 a.m. † **Mary Iverson** req. by John & Susan Schneider
01/05/23 11:30 a.m. • **Caren Coslick** req. by Carl Coslick
01/06/23 11:30 a.m. † **Brian J. Allen** req. by Katherine L. Allen

MDW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

01/01/23 9:00 a.m. † **Thomas M. Johnston, Jr.** req. by Airport Chapels Staff
11:00 a.m. † **Edward J. Shea** req. by Peggy Ann (Shea) Smart
• **Rita Siska** req. by Carol Skiber
† **Brian J. Allen** req. by Katherine Allen
• Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

Susan Schneider Marks 30 Years with Archdiocese

Congratulations to **Mrs. Susan E. Schneider, CAP**, who was recently recognized by the Archdiocese of Chicago for her 30 years of full-time service. Susan began her service to the Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago on Dec. 6, 1988, as dictation secretary to Fr. John Jannicky, O'Hare Chaplain from 1982-2000. Shortly after the O'Hare Chapel was relocated from the basement to the mezzanine of Terminal 2 (1992), Susan became the Chapel's full time Office/Business Manager and Fund Raiser. Over the years she has been responsible for many different aspects of the administration of the O'Hare and Midway Chapels; she coordinates the fund-raising events for both chapels, has served as chairperson of the Wings of Vision Award Luncheon, and serves as secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Airport Chaplains. Susan is also involved with the spiritual side of our ministry as sacristan, Eucharistic Minister and lector. She has also served as an officer/member of the International Association of Administrative Professionals. Through the years, our community has been the beneficiary of Susan's dedication and her many talents. We ask the Lord's blessing on Susan and her family, grateful for her service to the O'Hare and Midway Airport Chapel communities.



This Week in the Life of the Church – Feast Days and Notable Events in Church History

Happy New Year! Sunday, January 1, 2023

✠ **We Remember: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God;** New Year's Day; World Day of Peace. "But when the right time finally came, God sent his own Son. He came as the son of a human mother..." (Gal. 4:4). The



early Church replaced the pagan feast of the New Year, dedicated to the god Janus, with this feast honoring the Mother of God. Even before **Pope Sergius** introduced four Marian feasts in the 7th century (the **Birth of Mary**, the **Annunciation**, the **Purification** and the **Assumption**), the octave of Christmas was celebrated in Rome in honor of the Maternity of Mary. In later centuries, the feast of the **Circumcision of Our Lord** came to be observed Jan. 1, but the General Roman Calendar promulgated by **Pope Paul VI** on Feb. 14, 1969, reinstated the Marian character of this commemoration on the octave day of Christ-

mas. In his 1974 encyclical, *Marialis Cultus*, Pope Paul said that this celebration "is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary in this mystery of salvation. It is meant also to exalt the singular dignity which this mystery brings to the holy Mother...through whom we were found worthy...to receive the Author of life. It is likewise a fitting occasion for renewed adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels, and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace. For this reason...we have instituted **World Day of Peace**, an observance that is gaining increasing support and is already bringing forth fruits of peace in the hearts of many." (D,S) ✠ In 1189, the death of **BL. HENRY OF CLAIRVAUX**, a Cistercian abbot and cardinal who was active in both Church and state affairs. He was elected Pope but refused the honor. (W) • In 1484, birth of **HULDRYCH ZWINGLI** at Wildhaus, in the Toggenburg valley of the canton of St. Gallen. Zwingli was the leader of the **Protestant reformation in Switzerland**; he died in 1531.

Monday, January 2, 2023

✠ **We Remember: ST. BASIL (330-379), ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN (c.330-390).** "Byzantine saints are not very well known by most Catholics. They lived in a far different age, in a strange and different civilization. The Byzantine Empire was the first Christian nation, and most of the great events of the early Church took place there: the first Councils, the first great Doctors of the Church, the first great theological developments.

"Saints Basil and Gregory bear witness to the rich diversity of the Church. Their lives and their teachings are part of our Catholic heritage. St. Basil is the great father of monasticism, and St. Gregory is one of the great masters of mystical theology. They served God in their own age with the best tools they could find, and left their mark upon their century and upon their times. "St. Basil stood up to the emperor, lashing at him for his inhumanity and lack of Christian principle. *No one, said the emperor, has ever spoken to me like that. Apparently, said St. Basil, you have never met a Catholic bishop.* This rare kind of courage, born of faith, was badly needed in those early days when the Church was in danger of being crushed by hostile forces. In Basil and Gregory, the Faith found worthy champions." -Blase Schauer, O.P. (D)

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

✠ **We Remember: ST. GENEVIEVE (c.422-500).** Today's saint was born near Paris and spent her childhood tending sheep like the other shepherd children of her region, but at the age of seven, she met the saintly **Bishop Germaine (of Auxerre)**, who blessed and encouraged her. At 15, Genevieve received the veil from the bishop of Paris. She was blessed with the power of visions and the gift of prophecy. When Paris was occupied by the Franks and afterwards threatened by the Huns, St. Genevieve encouraged the people to remain firm and steadfast, to watch the enemy, to fast and do penance, and to trust in God for their welfare. She has always been considered the special protectress and patroness of Paris. (D,B)

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

✠ **We Remember: ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON (1774-1821).** Today we celebrate the feast of the first American-born saint. She lived in Baltimore and was a wife, mother of five children, widow, teacher, and founder of the first American sisterhood - the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph. Born in New York and raised a devout Episcopalian, Elizabeth received an excellent education, and from her early years manifested an unusual concern for the poor. A socialite who attended George Washington's inauguration,

she was widowed at age 31. In 1805, she was received into the Church, and in 1806 confirmed by **BISHOP JOHN CARROLL** of Baltimore. Besides founding the Sisters of Charity, Elizabeth is considered by some as the initiator of the American parochial school system. She was canonized in 1975. (D,B)

Thursday, January 5, 2023

✠ **We Remember: Twelfth Night; ST. JOHN NEUMANN (1811-1860).** In 1836, about 15 years after the death of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, John Neumann came to the U.S. from Bohemia (now the Czech Republic) and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of New York. He labored in the district of Niagara until 1840, when he became a Redemptorist...the first to make religious profession in the United States. He labored in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio and the American frontier. In 1852, at age 41, he was ordained bishop of Philadelphia, where he worked zealously for the establishment of parochial schools and of parishes for immigrants from Europe. He also inaugurated **40 Hours Devotion** in the United States. Possessing a special skill in languages, by the end of his life he had mastered 12. Bishop Neumann had a special love for children, the Sisters and the immigrants. He is the first bishop from the U.S. to be canonized a saint (by Pope Paul VI in 1977). (D,S,B)

Friday, January 6, 2023

THE **SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY**, a word meaning *manifestation* (from the Greek *epiphaneia*), is a kind of bookend for Christmastime: the rule around many homes is that the tree, the lights, the creche and decorations stay up until this day, on which Christians recall the visit of the three **Magi** (sometimes called the "wise men" or "kings") to Jesus after his birth. "Magi" refers to Persian priest-astrologers; later embellishments added the meaning of men of wisdom - doctors or philosophers. In the Second Century, the scholar Tertullian linked the Magi with two Old Testament prophecies that kings bearing gifts who would come to Israel, and by the end of the Sixth Century, "kings" and "Magi" were used interchangeably. "God, through Christ, was manifested to the whole world, symbolized by the **Three Magi** from the East (Mt 2:1-12)," says the Catholic Encyclopedia. "The feast originated in the **third century** in the Eastern Church; by the fourth century, when it was introduced to the Western Church, it ranked in importance with **Easter** and **Pentecost**. The Eastern Church links the **Epiphany** with the Baptism of Christ; in the Western Church, the focus shifted to His birth." Catholics observe Epiphany this Sunday, January 8.

✠ **We Remember: St. André Bessette (1845-1937).** Today's saint was the founder of **St. Joseph's Oratory** in Montreal, Canada, perhaps the world's principle shrine to St. Joseph. "*Frere Andre*" was eighth child in a family of 12, and was orphaned at the age of 12; he tried his hand at several trades but was not successful with any of them. He could barely read and write and was sickly most of his life. At age 15, he became a Brother of the Holy Cross, but was rejected at the end of the novitiate. The bishop of Montreal, however, insisted that Br. Andre be allowed to make his religious profession. For 40 years, he worked as a porter at the College of Notre Dame, until he was needed full time at the shrine of St. Joseph. People from all over Canada came to him for cures and spiritual direction, and he has been credited with thousands of cures. The Oratory was solemnly dedicated in 1955 and raised to the rank of a minor basilica. If one were to seek the outstanding virtue of Br. Andre, it was his humility. He once said: "I am ignorant. If there were anyone more ignorant, the good God would choose him in my place." And when the power of healing was attributed to him, he responded: "It is St. Joseph who cures. I am only his little dog." (S)

Saturday, January 7, 2023

✠ **We Remember: ST. RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT (c. 1175-1275).** A renowned expert in canon and civil law, St. Raymond also worked hard for the formation of priests and the evangelization of Jews and Muslims. He encouraged missionaries to learn Arabic and to study the Koran in order to enter into dialogue with Islam. A kinsman of the kings of Aragon, he joined the Dominicans in 1222; he was called to Rome by **Pope Gregory IX** and in 1234 completed his five books of the Decretals, systematizing and codifying the canon law; this remained the most authoritative codification of ecclesiastical legislation till 1917! ✠ In 1131, the death of **St. Canute Lavard** in Denmark; a Danish prince, he spent his life preaching Christianity to the German tribes and was assassinated by his cousin. (W)

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Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

➔ Birthday blessing go out to bulletin editor **Mike Brennan, January 1.**



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